Provident Fund have balance of below Rs. 5000 in the EPF account and only 7 per cent have balance more than Rs. 50,000/-;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal of higher interest rate for employees having deposit less than Rs. 50,000/- in E.P.F. and less interest rate for deposits above Rs. 50,000/-; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per an internal study of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, percentage of members having a balance of Rs. 50,000/- and above was found to be 6.71% only, while the rest of the members had a balance of less than Rs. 50,000/- as on 31st March, 2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Complaints received from Overseas Indians

2497. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the requests/complaints received from the Overseas Indians during the last year and the current year, so far;

(b) the nature of those complaints; and

(c) the steps taken to solve those problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The details of information compiled on complaints received during 2004 and 2005 (upto October 2005) are as under:

2004

Property disputes	:	42
Marriage disputes	:	15
Commercial disputes	:	17
Others	:	17

2005		
Property disputes	:	61
Marriage disputes and Family problems	:	45
Commercial disputes	:	55
Others	:	41

(c) In all cases, the matter was referred to the Resident Commissioner/Chief Secretary of the concerned state for taking appropriate action. Some cases were also referred to our Missions abroad for action.

Proposal to upgrade the management skills of bureaucrats

2498. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to upgrade the management skills of its bureaucrats by international management institutes like the Harvard, Wharton and Kellog of the US;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether Government would experiment with more relevant projects to make bureaucrats change their mindset and to assume a more humane and people friendly disposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to introduce mandatory mid career training programme for IAS officers at three different levels in their career. These will be a programme of 8-weeks between the 7th and 9th year of service, another 8-weeks between the 14th and 16th year of service and a programme of 4-weeks between the 26th and 28th year of service. The course content of these programmes will focus on project formulation, policy analysis, perspective building, public-private partnership, responsive government and service delivery, macro economic policies, financial management etc.